

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/28/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12, 15-38 and 40-48.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 1/18/06.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other Interview Summary.

DETAILED ACTION

1. In the Remarks submitted 9/28/05, Applicants amended claims 1, 15, 38 and 40-43, cancelled claims 13 and 39, and submitted arguments regarding the allowability of the pending claims.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 9/2/05, with respect to claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9-11, 13-24, 26-31, 33-41, 44-46 and 48 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 15 and 38 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
4. Regarding claim 15, Paik *et al.* disclose a method for extracting information from a Web page document comprising:

performing a lexical analysis on a given Web page document to identify elements of interest, the elements of interest producing formal names (*extracting information using natural language processing techniques*, Col. 4, Lines 57-66; *identifying proper*

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names, Col. 9, Lines 50-51; *the first concept in a CRC (concept-relation-concept) is a proper name*, Col. 3, Lines 49-58); and suggest

resolving aliases of the produced formal names and additional formal names to form a working set of names of people and/or organizations named in the given Web page document (*removing redundant CRCs (concept-relation-concept)*, see *CRC Combiner*, Col. 20, Lines 22-30; *the first concept in a CRC (concept-relation-concept) is a proper name*, Col. 3, Lines 49-58).

However, Paik *et al.* do not disclose nor fairly suggest detecting a regular recurrence of a certain type of element, the detecting producing additional formal names.

Therefore claim 15, and its dependent claims, 16-37, are allowed.

5. Regarding claims 1 and 38, Paik *et al.* disclose a method and computer apparatus for extracting information from a Web page comprising:

a source of Web pages of interest (*World Wide Web*, Col. 4, Lines 15-19);

an extractor coupled to receive Web pages from the source, the extractor being computer implemented and using natural language processing to extract desired information from the Web pages (*computer system for extracting information using natural language processing*, Col. 4, Lines 57-67); and

a storage subsystem coupled to the extractor for storing the extracted desired information in a data store (*file storage subsystem*, Col. 6, Line 67 – Col. 7, Line 2).

using natural language processing, finding possible formal names on a given Web page, the step of finding producing a first found set of formal names (*extracting information using natural language processing techniques*, Col. 4, Lines 57-66; *identifying proper names*, Col. 9, Lines 50-51; *the first concept in a CRC (concept-relation-concept) is a proper name*, Col. 3, Lines 49-58); and suggest

refining a combined set of formal names formed of the first found set and the second set, said refining producing a working set of people and organization names extracted from the given Web page (*removing redundant CRCs (concept-relation-concept)*, see *CRC Combiner*, Col. 20, Lines 22-30; *the first concept in a CRC (concept-relation-concept) is a proper name*, Col. 3, Lines 49-58).

However, Paik *et al.* do not disclose nor fairly suggest searching the given Web page for formal names not found by the natural language processing step of finding, said searching using pattern matching techniques and producing a second set of formal names.

Therefore claims 1 and 38, and their dependent claims, 2-12 and 40-48, respectively, are allowed.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

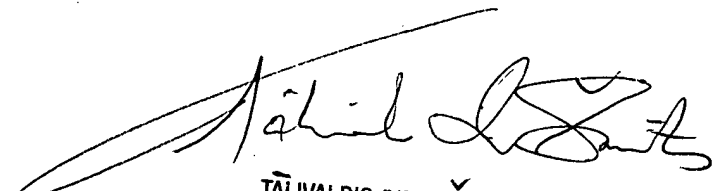
Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minerva Rivero whose telephone number is (571) 272-7626. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wayne Young can be reached on (571) 272-7582. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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